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Forced to the Wall.
The New York dry goods firm of Hilton, Hughes & Co., once A. T. Stewart & Co., have made an assignment to G. M. Wright. The assignment is without preference. Elliott Root is attorney for the assignee. Among the banks in Wall street the firm of Hilton, Hughes & Co. is regarded as due to a gradual decline in business. The firm's credit for the last five years has been badly impaired, and it is understood that very little if any of the firm's single-name paper is out. The firm has been taking stock for several weeks past and recently was understood to have received about \$750,000, which has been used in reducing the liabilities of the firm. The assignment was made by Albert G. Hilton, who comprises the firm. No statement has as yet been made as to the amount of liabilities and assets.

AID NEEDED.

Stricken Ontonagon People Are Suffering.
Telegraphic communication had not been established with Ontonagon, Mich., Tuesday, and details of the fire which wiped that village out of existence were still lacking. Advice received by rail way officials from stations within a few miles of Ontonagon were to the effect that only fifteen houses were left standing, but that no lives were lost. Fifteen hundred people are homeless at Rockland and other places in the vicinity of Ontonagon to which the inhabitants fled. The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway had a car loaded with provisions at Milwaukee Wednesday morning and succeeded in running it over the warped rails to within a quarter of a mile of Ontonagon. The people are without shelter and would be in a pitiful plight in case of storm. Other cars of provisions were sent from Marinette, Green Bay and Milwaukee.

MURDERED 6,000 IN CRETE.

Turks Said to Have Repeated the Armenian Horrors in the Island.
The London Daily News says that Dr. Nicolaidis, the official representative of the Cretan reform committee, who is now in Berlin, has issued a report on the Cretan massacre. Dr. Nicolaidis asserts that the statements in this report can be confirmed by the consuls at Candia, and that the diplomatic representatives will verify the assertion that 6,000 Christians have been murdered in Crete by Turks, often with revolting brutality.

THREE STATE CONVENTIONS.

Gold Democrats of Wisconsin, Iowa and Michigan Meet.
Gold Democrats of Michigan met in State convention Wednesday at Grand Rapids, and decided to make a fight all along the line. Their State ticket is headed by Rufus T. Sprague, and a full delegation to Indianapolis chosen. In Iowa and Wisconsin no action was taken further than to declare against 10 to 1, select Indianapolis delegates and choose presidential electors.

National League.

Following is the standing of the clubs of the National Baseball League:
W. L.
Baltimore . . . 71 33 Brooklyn . . . 49 55
Cincinnati . . . 60 36 Philadelphia . . . 49 57
Cleveland . . . 64 30 New York . . . 49 57
Chicago . . . 62 40 Washington . . . 40 63
Pittsburgh . . . 58 45 St. Louis . . . 32 71
Boston . . . 57 48 Louisville . . . 26 70

Western League.

Following is the standing of the clubs in the Western League:
W. L.
Minneapolis . . . 68 50 Kansas City . . . 51 61
Indianapolis . . . 64 51 Philadelphia . . . 50 63
Detroit . . . 62 45 Columbus . . . 45 68
St. Paul . . . 62 48 Grand Rapids . . . 40 74

Canada Wins by a Scratch.

At Toledo, Ohio, the Canadian yacht the Canada defeated the challenger the Vencador Wednesday and won the international race. The defender won by twenty-six seconds, time allowance, after as pretty a yacht race as was ever sailed on Lake Erie. It was a hard race for the Yankee yacht to lose, for the Vencador had the race well won had she not lost three minutes in a vain effort to select the right stake boat.

Unique Will Ferre in Cuba.

The Detroit Free Press says that it is now definitely known that the new purchaser of the fast steamer Unique intends her for the use of the Cubans. He is a Mobile merchant, named McGonigle, who is famous as the owner of the steamer Three Friends. The Unique will leave for Mobile as soon as some necessary repairs are made.

Tied Cooper's Time.

Earl Reves, a Binghamton, N. Y., amateur, won the two-thirds mile open in 1:25 in the circuit races. This beats the world's amateur competition record and equals the professional record now held by Tom Cooper.

Sligh Wins in Michigan.

At Bay City, Mich., Wednesday, the silver Democrats, People's party and Union Silver conventions met jointly and nominated a full State ticket, headed by Chas. R. Sligh, of Grand Rapids.

Turks Must Try Again.

The United States Minister, Alex. W. Terrell, has notified the Turkish Government that the latter's answer to the demands of the United States for indemnity as a result of the burning of the American missions at Kharpout and Marash is not satisfactory.

Powder House Blows Up.

The dry house at the Miami powder works, five miles north of Xenia, Ohio, blew up Wednesday morning, shaking the country for miles around. Two men were killed.

Woman Killed by Bandits.

Four bandits stopped a stage near Grand, O. T., and ordered the five passengers to hand over their valuables. All complied save Mrs. Ray Keena, of Philadelphia, who was shot dead. The outlaws are said to have secured \$800 in money and valuables.

Lumber Men Complain.

The directors of the Mississippi Valley Lumbermen's Association issue a circular to the members showing that the cut this year has been curtailed more than 20 per cent, and that the saw mills are idle. The importation of Canadian lumber has doubled.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF TRADE.

Political Events Seem to Have Little Effect Upon the Markets.

L. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: Political events of the week had no definite influence upon business prospects, for the phenomenal variations in sterling exchange and the beginning of imports of gold may be fairly attributed to the accumulating excess of merchandise exports over imports, exports from New York for the last two weeks having been 20 per cent. larger and imports here 21 per cent. smaller than last year. The rapid movement of grain and the unusual early raising of corn are testaments strongly to aid the banking syndicate which has undertaken to regulate foreign exchange. Speculation has advanced when over 1 cent during the week, corn a small fraction and cotton 1/2 cent, the principal motive power being reports of injury to growing crops. The unfavorable accounts respecting wheat are in some measure discredited by the continued heavy movement from the farms. Western receipts having been 10,007,137 bushels in the two weeks against 6,750,233 bushels last year, and while the increase is encouraging, it scarcely corresponds with current accounts of deficient yield in some foreign countries. The movement of corn continued heavy, although the price is still as low that one wonders why the product is put into corn instead of into hogs. The iron and steel manufacture is the only continued depression to report, and Bessemer pig has sold at \$10.40 at Pittsburgh, while Southern iron is offered at \$10.00 at New York, and nearly all finished products are being sold below the current quotations. There is rapid curtailment of production, the Illinois Steel Company having only seven of its seventeen furnaces at work, but in spite of this the supply of finished products appear to greatly exceed the demand.

KIND TO UNCLE SAM.

Argentina Will Admit Yankee Goods Free of Duty.

The President of Argentina has issued a decree remitting all duties on articles of domestic origin for the purpose of showing the manufacturing and commercial industries of this country. The movement for these exhibitions originated in Philadelphia. The Venezuelan Government has granted a concession to an American to establish permanent exhibitions of American goods at Caracas, Maracaibo and other large cities of Venezuela. A new phase of the long contest between Chile, Bolivia and Peru is reported by which Bolivia is promised a coast line on the Pacific. More than a year ago a treaty was made giving Tacna and Arica to Chile, thus leaving Bolivia cut off from access to the ocean and entirely without coast line. Since then the countries have been negotiating, and it is said that a treaty has been effected by which Bolivia gets back a strip through Tacna and Arica sufficient to give her an outlet to the Pacific.

FRAM IS SAFE.

Nansen's Ship Returns with All Well on Board.

Dr. Nansen's Arctic exploring ship, the Fram, which he left in the ice early in January, 1895, in about latitude 83 degrees north, in order to explore the sea north of the route he proposed to follow, eventually reaching 80.15 north, arrived at Kijervi, province of Tromsø, Wednesday evening. Capt. Sverdrup, her commander, reports all well on board. The Fram, he added, called at Dances Island, Aug. 14 and saw Prof. Andree, who was still waiting for a favorable wind in order to attempt his balloon trip across the Arctic regions.

Ask Naval Protection.

Considerable concern is felt in administration and missionary circles over the prospect of further outbreaks this fall in the Ottoman Empire. Reports received at the State Department from its representatives in Turkey and letters forwarded to it by the missionary society whose headquarters are located at Boston, and which is in constant communication with missionaries in Turkey, indicate that a feeling of unrest pervades the Mohammedan empire which is likely to culminate within a short time in such outbreaks as occurred at Kharpout and other points in Turkey last year. The missionaries and their families in Turkey are greatly concerned over the possibility of trouble, and through the Boston society have appealed to the State Department for naval protection. Two vessels were desired by the missionaries, but the department believes that one vessel is sufficient, and so informed the Navy Department. It is understood that the Navy Department has cabled instructions to Rear Admiral Selfridge directing him to use every effort to afford protection to American interests in the Eastern Mediterranean. He has been informed of the fears entertained by the missionaries and has been directed to hold a vessel in readiness to proceed to Alexandria, the point near where the condition of unrest appears to be most pronounced.

Millions for the Pensioners.

The Secretary of the Interior has made a requisition on the treasury for \$6,015,000 to be used in the quarterly payment of pensions for September. The amount by agencies follows:
Columbus, Ohio . . . \$3,700,000
Washington . . . 1,975,000
Boston . . . 1,840,000
Augusta, Me. . . 775,000
San Francisco . . . 725,000

Wolworth Is Chosen.

The American Bar Association elected the following officers: President, James M. Wolworth, Omaha; Secretary, John H. Hix, Baltimore; Treasurer, Francis Rawley, Philadelphia; Executive Committee, Alfred Hemenway, Boston; Charles Claffin Allen, St. Louis; William W. Howe, New Orleans. A vice president for every State in the Union and a local council for each State also chosen.

Eight-Hour Law Upheld.

In Washington W. D. Winfree was found guilty of violating the eight-hour law by overworking his men in remodeling a local school building. This is the first successful prosecution for the violation of this law, which was passed by Congress in 1892.

Polar Snow of Mars Observed.

A dispatch from Percival Lowell Observatory, Flagstaff, Ariz., to John Ritchie Jr., of the Harvard Observatory, announces that the polar snow of Mars has been observed in latitude 70, longitude 20, about 2 degrees in diameter.

Fusion Succeeds in Idaho.

The Idaho Democrats and Populists concluded fusion. Frank Steuber has been nominated for Governor. The Democrats agreed to a resolution giving the Populists a majority of the members of the Legislature.

Famous Stallion's Fast Work.

The famous pacing stallion Joe Patchen lowered the world's stallion pacing record by a quarter of a second, going the mile in 2:03.1 at High Park, Me., Friday. Two of the judges' watches showed the time to be one-fifth of a second less

than 2:03. It was not a very favorable day for going against records, as a strong westerly wind was blowing when the racing began. When the wind died down a little Jack Curry drove Joe Patchen for a trial. After a number of warm-up trials the black stallion was started down the track at a lively gait, with a runner known as Little Friend driven by Charles O'Brien. A strong head wind was blowing. The judges caught the quarter at 0:30 1/4, and with the wind at his back, the famous stallion reeled off the second quarter in 0:20 1/4. The half was made in just one minute. On the third quarter the time was 0:30 1/4, and at a two-minute clip, Joe Patchen gathered himself for the last quarter, but here he met the strong wind again, against which he slowed down a bit, but crossed the wire in 0:23 1/4. The announcement of the mile in 2:03 flat, one-quarter of a second better than the world's stallion pacing record, held by John L. Gentry, set the crowd wild. They lifted Curry, the driver, out of his sulky, warred from the grand stand onto the tracks and cheered like madmen.

CUBA'S PERIL.

President Cisneros Resigned, but Was Re-elected Back.

News has been received of a crisis in the Provisional Government of the republic of Cuba. There has been much friction for months between several high officers. The climax came when the head-quarters quartermaster spoke, rather plainly to the President, Col. Manadally, acting Secretary of War, resented this and drew his revolver, supposedly to avenge the insult to his chief. The Quartermaster also had supporters, and for an instant bloodshed seemed inevitable. But the venerable old man, aided by the cooler heads present, quickly restored a semblance of peace. The old gentleman's feelings, however, were deeply wounded, and he immediately announced his resignation. All that night the Provisional Government was in great danger of ignominious dissolution, but the next morning all complaints were heard. Difficulties were adjusted, and President Cisneros withdrew his resignation. Trouble is over, for the present at least, and the wheels of government are running smoothly.

PROPHETIC DREAMER HEARD OF.

Letters of All Kinds Swell Nominee Bryan's Mail.

Letters and petitions continue to pour in for Candidate Bryan at the rate of about 300 a day. Private Secretary Schwind is disposing of them as fast as he can, but sees no prospect of immediate relief. Some of the letters are from lawyers, bankers and business men. One is from a man named Duncan of Adrian, Mo., who claims to have dreamed that Mr. Bryan will be elected President. He claims to have a record as a successful dreamer, having dreamed to him in dreams the results of the elections in 1884, 1888, 1892 and 1896, and submits a certificate from several bankers showing that he told them about each of his dreams before the election. He asked that the letter be referred to Mr. Bryan himself. Many contain reports of the progress of the free silver movement in the writer's locality, and the work that is being done.

NOT PLEASED WITH OUTLOOK.

Seattle Men Who Bought Gold in Alaska Return Home.

The first information received since January from the interior of the Yukon country, Upper Alaska, where 2,500 men went last fall, reached Seattle, Wash., Thursday on a steamer from Bertha. The report is not of an encouraging nature, and will have an effect in staying the tide of migration that way another spring. Among the returned miners are several well-known Seattle men. They say they have had all of the country they want, though a few will go back and try their luck again. Scarcely any of the returned men have brought back any gold. In all there were 130 miners coming back on the ship.

BATTLE WITH BANDITS.

Four Lives Lost in a Brush Between Mexican Troops and Robbers.

Three bandits and one soldier were killed in a fight between Mexican soldiers and a large band of Mexican outlaws in the Pecos canyon, State of Chihuahua, Mexico. The outlaw band numbers about 500 and is constantly being recruited by desperado characters from the Texas borders. They claim to belong to the same army as the band of fanatics who recently attacked Nogales, Mexico.

Blackburn to Take the Field.

Senator J. C. Blackburn, who is now with his family at Ocean City, N. J., where he has been spending the summer, will return and take the stump in support of Bryan and Sewall. His first speech will be in Kentucky, probably at Lexington.

Grover's Position.

It is officially announced that President Cleveland and the entire Cabinet, with the exception of Elihu Smith, will support the gold Democratic nominee and do what is possible to elect him.

Molten Metal Explodes.

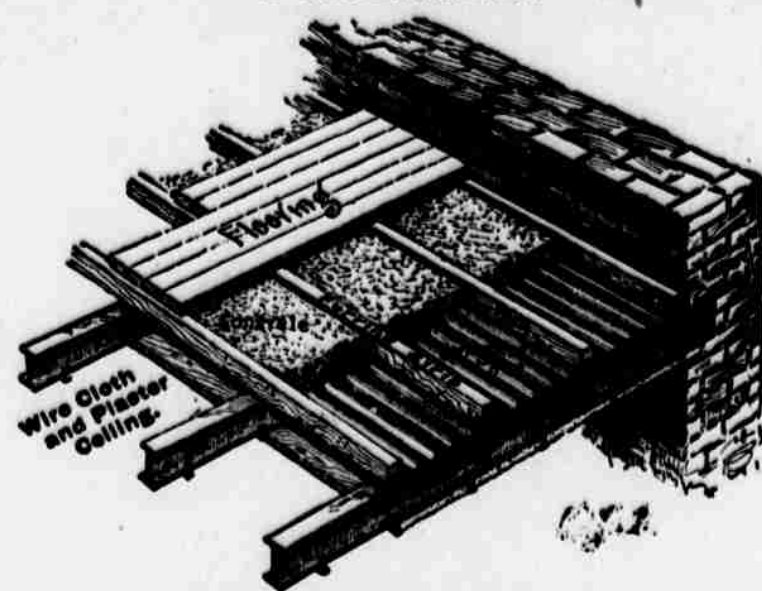
At Pittsburgh the explosion of molten metal at F. F. Smith & Co. of the Edgar Thomson Steel Works burned ten men, three seriously.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.50 to \$5.00; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.50 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 57c to 58c; corn, No. 2, 22c to 23c; oats, No. 2, 10c to 17c; rye, No. 2, 30c to 31c; butter, choice creamery, 16c to 17c; eggs, fresh, 12c to 13c; new potatoes, per bushel, 20c to 30c; broom corn, common short to choice dwarf, \$25 to \$60 per ton.
Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$4.75; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, common to prime, \$2.00 to \$2.50; wheat, No. 2, 55c to 56c; corn, No. 2 white, 22c to 24c; oats, No. 2 white, 22c to 24c.
St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.50 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, 54c to 56c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 20c to 22c; oats, No. 2 white, 18c to 20c; rye, No. 2, 28c to 30c.
Cincinnati—Cattle, \$3.50 to \$4.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.50 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, 50c to 52c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 23c to 25c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 18c to 20c; rye, No. 2, 30c to 32c.
Detroit—Cattle, \$3.50 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.00 to \$2.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 53c to 54c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 24c to 25c; oats, No. 2 white, 24c to 25c; rye, 32c to 34c.
Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 54c to 55c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 24c to 25c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 17c to 18c; rye, No. 2, 32c to 34c; clover seed, \$4.20 to \$4.30.
Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 55c to 56c; corn, No. 2, 22c to 24c; oats, No. 2 white, 18c to 20c; barley, No. 2, 25c to 31c; rye, No. 1, 51c to 55c; pork, mess, \$5.75 to \$6.25.
Buffalo—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 53c to 54c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 20c to 25c; oats, No. 2 white, 20c to 25c.
New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2 red, 54c to 56c; corn, No. 2, 28c to 30c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 22c; butter, creamery, 12c to 17c; eggs, Western, 15c to 16c.

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